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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF SHUM BR AR
SUBJ: ARGENTINES ARRESTED AT SOCIALIST CONVERGENCE CONFERENCE

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 3952

1. MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PST)
CALLED ON POLOFF ON SEPTEMBER 5 TO REQUEST U.S. INTER-
VENTION IN PREVENTING THE REFOULMENT OF HUGO MIGUEL
BRESSANO TO ARGENTINA.

2. POLOFF SUGGESTED THAT MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION
TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF BRESSANO WOULD BE UNHCR. PST
MEMBERS SAID THEY HAD INFORMED UNHCR OFFICE HERE REGARD-
ING THEIR CONCERN AND WOULD MAKE FORMAL PRESENTATION TO
UNHCR REGIONAL REP WHEN THEY RECEIVED DETAILED INFORMA-
TION REGARDING BESSANO'S DETENTION FROM BRAZIL.

3. PST MEMBERS OPINED THAT, IF BRESSANO WERE RETURNED
TO ARGENTINA, HE WOULD AT BEST BE HELD FOR MANY

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YEARS UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION. PST MEMBERS
ACKNOWLEDGED BRESSANO AS SOCIALIST-TROTSKITE

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LEADER, BUT LAUGHED OFF AS BRAZILIAN INTELLIGENCE
"WITCH HUNTING" ANY TIES BETWEEN BRESSANO AND
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM
USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES AT THE EMBASSY, HUGO MIGUEL BRESSANO WAS,
AS OF FEBRUARY 1967, REPORTEDLY THE LEADER OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY (PRT), ONE OF THE TWO
TROTSKYIST GROUPS WHICH CLAIMED TO BE THE BONA FIDE
ARGENTINE SECTION OF THE TROTSKYIST FOURTH INTER-
NATIONAL. INFORMATION RECEIVED IN DECEMBER OF 1969
REPORTED THAT BRESSANO HAD RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED
BY PERUVIAN COURTS AND HAD GONE TO URUGUAY, WHERE
HE RENEWED CONTACTS WITH LEFTISTS IN MONTEVIDEO.
IN MAY OF 1970 BRESSANO WAS SOUGHT BY ARGENTINE
POLICE AS A MEMBER OF A ROSARIO PRT TERRORIST GROUP.
LAST REPORT AVAILABLE DATES FROM 1971, TO THE EFFECT
THAT IN MAY OF THAT YEAR BRESSANO WAS HEAD OF THE
LA VERDAD FACTION OF THE PRT AND WAS THE DELEGATE
TO THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE
OF SOUTH AMERICA. SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS "HUGO MORENO" AND
"NEHUEL MORENO," WAS BORN IN RIVADAVIA, ARGENTINA,
APRIL 21, 1924.
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